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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

File No. 9381

Section 1, Special Branch Station 1

REPORT

Date August 17, 1938

Subject: Chinese Petition filed 12-8-38 from the British Consulate-General

Concerning Mrs. A. Vachtel and Miss Olga Vachtel.

Made by J. J. I. Prokofiev

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Mrs. Agnia Prokopiievna VACHTEL (VACHTEL) nee Nabaroff, Estonian of Russian origin, was born on January 10, 1908 at Nagasaki. She is reported to have arrived in Shanghai from Hankow in November, 1926 together with her daughter Olga born on 7-11-1921 in Russia. When registering with the Russian Emigrants Committee she gave her place of birth as Nabarovsk, Maritime Province, and stated that prior to coming to Shanghai she resided in Hankow for six months, her former residence since 1922 being Pientsin.

In May, 1929 she applied to local Estonian representative for passport stating that she was an Estonian by marriage. Her late husband, Mr. Arthur Vachtel, who formerly resided in the Russian Far East, died in 1926 at Reval where he was employed with a Finnish firm. With the assistance of local Finnish vice-consul Mrs Vachtel was able to establish her claim to the Estonian nationality and on 5-6-29 was issued with passport No 15528/28 which has since been regularly renewed.

In Shanghai Mrs Vachtel resided mostly in the French Concession. From 1932 to 1936 she was manageress of a ladies' beauty parlour at 1211 Bubbling Well Road, after which she resided in a small flat at 28 Route Winling until November, 15, 1938 when she left for Penang in the m/v "Gneisenau" together with her daughter. They travelled Tourist Class. According to information received confidentially from local Estonian consul, she was not very well off financially and it is likely that she was

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In 1935 and 1936 Mrs Vachtel is reported to have visited Hongkong where her sister, Mrs L.P. Verigo, 52 has been residing since 1934 together with her two daughters and son. The latter, Mr. V.V. Verigo, has been employed with the Hongkong Police for about ten years and is a naturalized British subject.

Mrs Vachtel's elder brother, S.P. Nabaroff, ex-officer of the Russian army, holds the rank of Lieutenant in the Russian Auxiliary Detachment of the French Police in Shanghai, in which he has been serving for the past several years.

Nothing detrimental is known at the local Estonian Consulate regarding Mrs Vachtel and her daughter. While in Shanghai they did not come to Police notice.

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BRITISH CONSULATE-GENERAL.

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SHANGHAI.

August 12th, 1939.

My dear Robertson,

Recently a Mrs. AGNES P. VACHTEL and her daughter KYRA (Esthonians), arrived in Singapore from Shanghai. I am told that Mrs. Vachtel is half Japanese and as far as the authorities in Singapore can make out they appear to be living on their wits.

If there is any record of these two individuals on your files I should be most grateful if you would let me have any information available.

Yours sincerely,

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